

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 16, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Councilman Berkemeier arrived after the roll was called. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey handed out a sheet showing comparison lighting prices for Blue Ribbon Estates.

Councilman Berkemeier arrived.

He asked Council to review and they can discuss it at the next meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey received a call from the OCRA Director to discuss the rollout for the new stellar program. The Mayor was asked to critique it. He said he did not think it was very friendly for rural communities.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said the roll out party will be January 24th to announce the bands for this year's concerts. We have a Board meeting tomorrow.
- **Marketing** – None.

- **APC/BZA** – They will meet tomorrow. The Historic Board will meet Thursday.
- **City Center** – We had a meeting with PSI. The phase is tracking. as we want it to. We discussed tuck pointing and decided to hold off until the weather is better. They hope to get the next phase of the bid package done by January 31st.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – The attorneys are talking. I will have a schedule to let you know where we are.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said he has begun preparing a presentation for the new golf cart ordinance.

They are clearing out abandon vehicles. If anyone knows of any vehicles they should be reported.

Received confirmation that the camera equipment has been shipped. We will begin training on the new policy.

The Board of works hired Adam Wagner for the dispatcher position.

Street – Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Donnie Rains. He will wait until March or April to hire a replacement.

The recycle fee for January is \$44.75.

Animal – Warden Moran said they have rolled out the cat spay/neuter program. Dr. Doug's report was just received and will be sent out.

Fire – Mayor Pavey reported for Chief Jenkins:

BEP update – 608 W 9th and 818 N Maple have been purchased. The agreement has been signed for 332 N Perkins. They are working through an issue with the title work. The owner of 301 West 1st wants to wait until March in order to go through some items at the residence. 220 West 3rd has been added. We are waiting on agreements for 219 E 9th and 927 Donald.

They have applied for a grant for an exhaust removal system. The grant requires a 5% match. Our part would be approximately \$3,500.00-\$4,000.00.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CGS Contract** – Newhouse is working on insurance with Kevin Kreckler. The cost will be approximately \$2,500.00
2. **Chicken Zoning** – Councilman Smith has done some research. He has spoken with Pendleton. They currently have 1 resident that has gone through the process required to have chickens in town. This includes a variance from the BZA. Pendleton used Bloomington's ordinance as a guide, but did not codify it. Smith said this is doable if it is enforced properly. It would have to be air tight with a variance required. Mayor Pavey said it is his fear that we would become the "chicken police". Newhouse said we would have to have an ordinance. Smith asked Council how they would like to proceed. Conner made a motion to table and asked Councilman Smith to contact someone from Bloomington for more information and possible issues that they have encountered. He said this would give the Council members a chance to review the presentation if they had not already seen it. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2018-2 Amend Flood Hazard Area Ordinance (2015-1)** – Mayor Pavey said the title was Deputy Director and needs to be more generic. Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2018-2 with the change of Deputy Director to Planning & Zoning Administrator. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Newhouse will revise the ordinance and it will be signed at the next meeting.
2. **Ordinance 2018-3 Creating a 911 Disbursement Non-Reverting Account** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2018-3. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2018-2 Transferring Fund to Rainy Day Fund** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2018-2. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2018-3 Approving Emerson SB1** – Smith moved to table due to Emerson representatives not being able to attend. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **2018 Encumbrance Zoning and Planning** – Berkemeier moved to approve the encumbrance for Zoning and Planning. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Dog Tags** – Moran said she is in favor of doing away with dog tags. Smith made a motion to table and for Newhouse to prepare an ordinance repealing the requirement for dog tags. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND DECEMBER 2017 BANK RECONCILEMENT: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented and the December 2017 bank reconciliation. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.